



412th Aviation Support Battalion History

A ceremony on 7 August 2006, created a new Aviation Support Battalion designated the 412th, stationed at Shipton Kaserne, Germany. The 412th ASB was formed from the 601st ASB and the 7-159th Aviation Regiment, both stationed in northern Bavaria, Germany. Directed by a new ASB Modified Table of Organization and Equipment, the converted battalion was assigned to the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, based in Katterbach, Germany. The 412th ASB is organized around a Headquarters Service Company, a Distribution Company, a Signal Network Support Company, and Aviation Support Company.

In July 2007, the 412th ASB deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09, as part of Task Force XII to Logistics Support Area Anaconda. As the logistical center for the 12th CAB, the 412th ASB ensured mission success. Among its accolades for this deployment were the prestigious LTG Ellis D. Parker Award, the AAAA Aviation Logistics Award, the Deployment Excellence Award: Big Unit Category (Army-wide), and two Meritorious Unit Citations.

In November 2009, once again, the 412th ASB was called to arms, this time under the leadership of Lt. Col. Kliethermes and Command Sgt. Maj. Soriano. In preparation to support OIF 10-12, the 412th ASB began the arduous task of pre-deployment training. During the period of 22 November 2009 to 14 July 2010, the 412th Aviation Support Battalion and its subordinate units provided unparalleled, full spectrum aviation sustainment support to six battalions and one brigade headquarters conducting combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 10-12. The battalion was the only ASB supporting United States Division South (USD-S).

In Germany, the 412th ASB supports five aviation battalions and the 12th CAB Headquarters. It provides a wide range of logistic support to the community of Ansbach, Germany, living up to its battalion motto, "Professionals – Always!"